January 28, 1971

Dear Harold,

Thank you so much for your very thoughtful letter. It was nice to hear from you again.

My wife and I cannot thank you enough for the kindness and understanding that you and your wife have extended to Howard. You have been a great source of inspiration and have given him a tremendous amount of confidence, and for this, we are indeed grateful.

However, I am so sorry that there is a misunderstanding of the use of Howard's material. I only inferred (as a concerned parent) that all of his work should be kept as confidential as possible. It was never intended against either you or Dick.

So please accept our apology, and again our warmest and most heartfelt thanks to both your wife and yourself for the kindness and understanding you have shown to our son.

Sincerely,

P.S. We would love to have you both visit us at your earliest convenience.